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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/711,155
Filed: August 27, 2004
Title: Methods for Detecting and Quantifying Specific Probiotic
Microorganisms in Animal Feed
Applicants: Bryan E. GARNER *et al.*
Attorney Docket No.: P30905US01

Sir:

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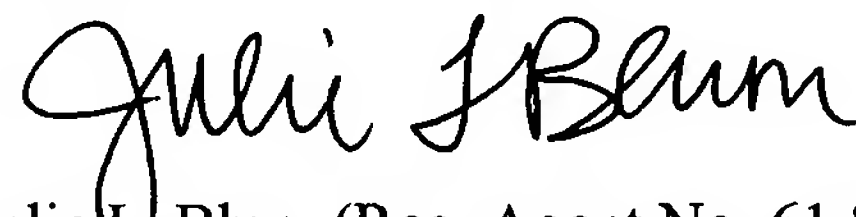
1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number P30905US01:

\$ 2,350.00 five-month extension of time fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above (\$2350), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number P30905US01.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure